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DE SA

REF: A) STATE 25784, B) BRASILIA 0793, C) STATE 3882 AND
PREVIOUS

1. WITH REGARD TO REFTEL A, WHICH CROSSED REFTEL B, WE
GATHER THAT SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS ALREADY LAID ON MAY
HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED SINCE UNDER CALMON DE SA'S PRESENT
SCHEDULE, HE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS ON
FEBRUARY 22-23 BUT NOT ON FEBRUARY 21. IF THIS CREATES
REALLY MAJOR SCHEDULING PROBLEMS FOR DEPARTMENT, WE WOULD
OF COURSE BE WILLING TO RAISE WITH MINISTER'S OFFICE POS-
SIBILITY OF SHIFTING APPOINTMENTS WITH IFI'S, ALTHOUGH
WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE TO DO SO.

2. WITH REGARD TO APPOINTMENTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
STATE, IN LIGHT OF CALMON DE SA'S LETTER, EMBASSY WISHES TO
RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT THE MINISTER BE RECEIVED, EVEN
BRIEFLY, FOR COURTESY VISIT BY THE SECRETARY. THE
SECRETARY WILL REMEMBER THAT HE MET THE MINISTER DURING HIS
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VISIT TO BRASILIA, AND TALKED WITH HIM AT SOME LENGTH AT THE
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AS WELL AS DURING THE DINNER AT THE
FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. WE ALSO URGE THAT A BRIEF CALL BE MADE ON SECRETARY
OF THE TREASURY BLUMENTHAL, IF ONLY FOR TEN OR FIFTEEN
MINUTES, FOLLOWED BY A MORE EXTENDED DISCUSSION WITH

UNDER SECRETARY SOLOMON AND/OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN.

4. FINALLY, WE NOTE THAT CALMON DE SA HAS REITERATED IN HIS LETTER HIS INTEREST IN MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF THE US CONGRESS. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, A NUMBER OF SENTORS AND CONGRESSMEN VISITED BRASILIA THIS PAST YEAR, SOME OF WHOM MET CALMON DE SA SOCIALLY. THE MINISTER, WHOSE PORTFOLIO EMBRACES A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS OF GREAT ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE TO US, FROM COM-MODITIES AND TRADE POLICY TO THE TREATMENT OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT, IS ATTRACTIVE, POSED, AND HIGHLY ARTICULATE. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE NO HESITATION TO BRING HIM INTO CON-TACT WITH APPROPRIATE FIGURES OF THE US CONGRESS. FOR EXAMPLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST CALLS ON SENATOR HOLLINGS, CONGRESSMAN VANIK, AND CONGRESSMAN MOORHEAD OR REUSS HIMSELF. COMMITTEES OF INTEREST FOR CALLS BY THE MINISTER WOULD BE, FOR EXAMPLE, FOREIGN RELATIONS, BANKING AND CURRENCY, WAYS AND MEANS (SUB-COMMITTEE ON TRADE). A FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE BANCO DO BRASIL, CALMON DE SA IS THOROUGHLY VERSED IN QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS.

5. COMMENT: AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, MINISTER CALMON DE SA, A FORMER EISENHOWER FELLOW, HAS ALWAYS BEEN FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE EMBASSY AND US VISITORS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. AN ECONOMIST, WHO HAS RISEN RAPIDLY BY HIS TALENT AND PERSONAL PRESENCE, HE HAS A CONSIDERABLE FUTURE IN BRAZILIAN PUBLIC LIFE. IT IS CLEARLY IN OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE INTEREST THAT HE BE GIVEN ATTENTION THAT IS COMMENSURATE WITH HIS POSITION AND THAT IS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE TREATMENT AFFORDED TO US CABINET OFFICERS BY THE GOB. CRIMMINS

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